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Maple Canyon Fire Burns in Box Elder County

Promontory, Utah – Fire departments from Corinne, Thatcher, Howell, Box Elder County and others responded as red flag winds pushed a lightning-caused wildfire across more than 1,000 acres Wednesday night. The fire is burning on private land in a remote area about 20 miles north of Promontory Point.

In the early hours, several structures at the Fort Ranch were threatened. Firefighters responded by burning around the buildings to create a protective buffer from the oncoming fire. Engine crews fought the fire through the night, and the effort will continue throughout today.

Today, wind is expected to create challenges for firefighters. The National Weather Service issued a “Red Flag Warning” yesterday that continues through 8 p.m. today.

Plans for today include a flight over the fire to get a better estimate of size and to create a map of the fire perimeter. A helicopter will be dropping buckets of water to assist crews on the ground with hot spots.

Real-time updates will occur through Inciweb at <http://inciweb.org/incident/2561/>. Photos are available at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/49397599@N08/>.

